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Messaadia Meets Bendjedid, Departs for CPSU Congress
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[Text] Algiers, 22 Feb (APS) — In the presidency office today Chadli Bendjedid, president of the Republic and secretary general of the FLN Party, received Mohamed Cherif Messaadia, member of the FLN Politburo and official in charge of the Permanent Secretariat, before his departure for Moscow leading a party delegation to the 27th CPSU Congress.

Chadian Official Arrives With Habre Message
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[Text] Chadian Foreign Affairs Minister [title as heard] Karom Ahmed arrived in Algeria today as President Hissein Habre's special envoy. He was welcomed at Houari Boumedienne International Airport by the head of the Foreign Ministry Africa Section and the caretaker of Chadian affairs in Algeria. In a statement at the airport, Karom Ahmed affirmed that he is carrying a message from Hissein Habre to FLN Secretary General and President Chadli Bendjedid.

LIBYA

Al-Qadhdhafi on Relations With Chad, U.S., Europe
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["Exclusive" interview with Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi by Martha Vretakou and Eleni Kokhaimidhou at Al-Qadhdhafi's tent in Tripoli on 17 February]

[Text] [Question] To date you have not commented on developments in neighboring Chad. What does this silence mean? How do you judge France's attitude toward Chad?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Recent events in Chad concern only the Chadian people. This country, made up of various tribes and ethnic communities, is the scene of a civil war — a battle between two conflicting parties. It began 25 years ago and it could continue for another 25. Libya's position is that there should be no foreign intervention in this country's internal affairs.

[Question] Yet there is one...

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Yes, because Chad is centrally located in Africa, the United States is working with France to take over [katalipsis] the country and establish a U.S. base, which would allow the United States to control the whole African Continent. Mitterrand's forces have bombed a civilian airport, the only one in the northern part of Chad. Foodstuffs and medicine were supplied to the country through this airport — a civilian and not a military one. Mitterrand has violated the terms of the agreement signed in Crete. Despite all this, we will not intervene. We want a peaceful solution and an end to the bloodshed.

[Question] Do you have a definite plan to end the problems in Chad?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] My proposal is that the people of Chad should be free to decide on their own future, without intervention.

[Question] Will you meet with President Mitterrand to discuss Chad?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] There are continuous contacts, but the African Union must furnish the solution.

[Question] Libya, too, seems to be seriously threatened by the United States, which holds your country responsible for a series of terrorist actions. What are the real reasons for this long held U.S. attitude?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Libya has been trying to unite all the Arabs and Arab countries into a strong power to work against the common enemy. The United States is scared and dislikes this. Thus, it reacts as you described.

[Question] The recent mission by Whitehead, the U.S. deputy secretary of state, does not appear to have produced the expected results. How do you view the obvious dissension between the Americans and the West Europeans?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] The interests of West European countries differ completely from those of the United States. It was to be expected, therefore, that they could not agree. The United States, in its efforts to further itself, does not respect other countries' interests. It is concerned only about the defense of Western Europe and NATO. This is why it has placed missiles in Western Europe and has filled the Mediterranean with fleets and nuclear arms.

[Question] Despite all this, the West believes that you are adopting a friendly attitude toward the terrorists. In your opinion, how was this impression created, and how could you alleviate it?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We support the Palestinians' struggle for their country's liberation from the conquerors. The United States believes that this support is a type of terrorism.... If that is the case, our revolution, as well as everything we do, are terrorist actions.

[Question] In the West there is great confusion, as well as ignorance, on the social development in your country and on its position in the world. Can you tell us how you see contemporary Libya?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We are trying to elevate the Libyan people's standard of living. Before the revolution, the Libyan people were living at subsistence level in huts and tents. All our efforts aim to raise our people's standard of living as high as possible.

[Question] What is Libya's role at present in the Arab world, which is characterized by unprecedented policies and serious disputes?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Our efforts aim to unite all the Arab states. This is not easily accomplished, as the approximately 20 Arab states have different political views and interests. As for now, these efforts are impossible.

[Question] Would you like to talk about the stand of the Mediterranean countries, such as Greece and Italy, toward Libya?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] Greece is a friendly country with a socialist government that has maintained and continues to maintain that

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the Mediterranean should be free of nuclear weapons. We are in complete agreement with this stand. Our relations with Italy are also good. The only dispute is the compensation we demand for the crimes and damage of the Italian occupation. Our efforts aim to persuade these countries to get rid of the U.S. bases because, in the event of a nuclear war, they will be destroyed, along with the other Mediterranean countries.

[Question] In Greece, there are differing views on whether the U.S. bases should be removed. What will be Libya's stance toward Greece if the U.S. bases remain?

[Al-Qadhafi] This is an issue that primarily concerns Greek defense, and is a secondary issue for other countries. It is up to the Greek people to decide what is in their interest.

[Question] You recently said that Libya's isolation from the West would lead your country toward the Soviet Union. The Green Book proposes the third path, between the socialist and capitalist models. According to this, should not Libya keep equal distance, at least ideologically, from the two superpowers?

[Al-Qadhafi] According to the country's ruling system and the Green Book, Libyan policy gives absolute authority to the people. Our ideology is a new one that will change all the world into a world of jamahiriya (that is, of people's rule), without governments, ministries, parliamentary deputies, police, armies, or violence. The people's congresses will make decisions, which the people's committees will implement. Our jamahiriya is based on the ancient Greeks system, that is, the people rule without a government or parties.

[Question] How do you view Libya's future? The price of oil is constantly dropping and the country's oil reserves will be exhausted in the next 20 years. Thus Libya could be poorer and forced to make changes in its foreign policy. What would happen to the export of the Libyan "third path" model — Arab socialism? And what about the slogan "Partners, not salaried workers"?

[Al-Qadhafi] Libya has great prospects for development and adequate oil deposits. The oil issue, however, will not affect our economy directly, once we have developed an industry which offsets the reduction of the oil price. However, I believe that the Iran-Iraq war will cause a drop in the production of oil and a corresponding increase in price. Libya, whose oil deposits can last for over 100 years, does not intend to reduce the price of oil; on the contrary, Libya will attempt to increase the price by reducing production. This would cause an increase in demand and a corresponding increase in price, despite the pressure on Libya from the other oil-producing states. The Third World theory is not at all related to oil.

[Question] What is your position on the fall of the dictatorship in Haiti and on the presidential elections in the Philippines?

[Al-Qadhafi] Naturally, we have been very satisfied with the fall of dictatorship in Haiti. However, the government which has assumed power is not a people's government. The revolution should continue until a completely democratic government is established. In the Philippines, an illegal government has been confirmed by fraudulent elections. Of course, this has been the result of activities by the United States, which considers the Philippines an area of great importance and does not want to lose it.

[Question] You do not hold any office in your country. You are not president of the Republic, the prime minister, nor president of the parliament. Yet you are the center of Libyan political life. how do you view yourself?

[Al-Qadhafi] I am the chief of the revolution and that is all.

[Question] The last question is whether anything frightens Al-Qadhafi?

[Al-Qadhafi] I am beyond fear. I am no longer frightened by anything. (laughs)

USSR Official 'Deplores' French Intervention in Chad LD230016 Tripoli JANA in English 1801 GMT 22 Feb 86

[Text] Moscow, Jumada Athani 11, Feb, 22, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY — The deputy director of the Soviet Institute for American and Canadian Affairs yesterday deplored French military intervention in Chad. He said the the French military intervention in Chad violated international rules and conventions. Meanwhile, IZVESTIYA newspaper asserted that France and the United States planned jointly military intervention in the internal affairs of the Chadian people.

Chadians in Benghazi Protest French Actions

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[Text] Benghazi Jumada Athani 12, Feb 23 JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY — Chadians in Benghazi demonstrated this morning in protest against French military intervention in Chad and the French jets bombing of Ouadi Doum civilian airport. Demonstrators carried Chadian flag and green banner expressing Chadian people's anger and condemnation of mutinous Habre and French military occupation aimed at flaring up hatred and turning up Chadians against each other.

The demonstrators issued a statement in which they draw the attention of international organisations, and OAU and human rights movements to the plight of the Chadian people. The Chadians condemned the ruling gangs in Ndjamena and French flagrant military intervention. They saluted the Transitional Government of National Unity headed by Goukouni Oueddei and its courageous stand in countering colonial intervention. The demonstrators reaffirmed their commitment to armed struggle against imperialist governments such as France and America, and their interference in African affairs. They lauded the unlimited assistance being given by the Great Al-Fatih Revolution towards Chadian struggle for freedom and independence.

Nigerian Foreign Minister Arrives 21 Feb

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[Text] Tripoli, 22 Feb (JANA) — Nigerian Foreign Minister Bolaji Akinyemi and his accompanying delegation arrived yesterday evening on a visit to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.